

TALMAGE ON GRADY.

The Great Preacher Eulogizes the Great Editor.

Wonderful Achievements of a Brief Life.
The Responsibilities of Newspaper Men.
—The Example of a Christian Life.

The subject of a recent sermon preached at Brooklyn by Rev. T. De Witt Talmage was: "The Life and Death of Henry W. Grady, the Editor and Orator." He took for his text Isaiah viii. 1: "Take thee a great roll, and write in it with a man's pen." The preacher said:

To Isaiah, with royal blood in his veins and a habit of palaces, does this divine order come. He is to take a roll, a large roll, and write on it with a pen, not an angel's pen, but a man's pen. So God honored the pen and so honored manuscript. In our day the mightiest roll is the religious and secular newspaper, and the mightiest pen is the editor's pen, whether for good or evil. And God says now to every literary man, and especially to every journalist: "Take thee a great roll and write in it with a man's pen."

Within a few weeks one of the strongest, most vivid and most brilliant of those pens was laid down on the editorial desk in Atlanta, never again to be resumed. I was far away at the time. We had been sailing up from the Mediterranean sea, through the Dardanelles, which region is unlike any thing I ever saw for beauty. There is not any other water scenery on earth where God has done so many picturesque things with islands. They are something like the Thousand Islands of our American St. Lawrence, but more like Heaven. Indeed, we had just passed Patmos, the place from which John had his apocalyptic vision. Constantinople had seemed to come out to greet us, for our approach to that city is different from any other city. Other cities as you approach them seem to retire, but this city with its glittering minarets and pinnacles, seems almost to step into the water to greet you.

But my landing there, that would have been to me an exhilaration, was suddenly stunned with the tidings of the death of my intimate friend, Henry W. Grady. I could hardly believe the tidings, for I had left on my study table at home letters and telegrams from him, those letters and telegrams having a warmth and geniality and a wit such as he only could express. The departure of no public man for many years has so affected me. For days I walked about in a dream, and I resolved that, getting home, I would, for the sake of his bereaved household, and for the sake of his bereaved profession, and for the sake of what he had done for the world, continue to be as long as memory lasts, I would speak a word in appreciation of him, the most promising of Americans, and learn some of the salient lessons of his departure.

I have no doubt that he had enemies, for no man can live such an active life as he lived or be so far in advance of his time without making enemies, some because he defeated their projects and some because he was a man of war. But I shall tell you how he appeared to me, and I am glad that I told him while he was in full health what I thought of him. Memorial orations and gravestone epitaphs are often mean enough, for they say of a man after he is dead that which ought to have been said of him while living. One garland for a living hero is worth more than a mountain of japonica and calla lilies heaped on a funeral casket. By a little black volume of fifty pages containing the eulogiums and poems uttered and written at the demise of Clay and Webster and Calhoun and Lincoln and Sumner the world tried to pay for the forty years of obloquy heaped upon those living giants. If I say nothing in praise of a man while he lives I will keep silent when he is dead. Myrtle and weeping willow can remember what ought to have been done by amaranth and palm branch. No amount of "Dead March in F" rumbling from big organs at the obsequies can atone for non-appreciation of the man before he fell asleep. The hearer can not do what ought to have been done by chariot.

than Methuselah's 969? Robert McCheyne died at thirty years of age and John Sumnerfield at twenty-seven years of age, but neither earth nor Heaven will ever hear the end of their usefulness. Longevity? Why, an elephant can beat you at that, for it lives 150 or 200 years. Gray hairs are the blossoms of the tree of life if found in the way of righteousness, but the frosts of the second death if found in the way of sin.

One of our able New York journals last spring printed a question and sent it to many people, among others to myself: "Can the editor of a secular journal be a Christian?" Some of the newspapers answered no. I answered yes, and lest you may not understand me I say yes again. Summer before last, riding with Mr. Grady from a religious meeting in Georgia on Sunday night, he said to me some things which I now reveal for the first time because it is appropriate now that I reveal them. He expressed his complete faith in the Gospel and expressed his astonishment and his grief that in our day so many young men were rejecting Christianity. From the earnestness and the tenderness and the confidence with which he spoke of these things I concluded that when Henry W. Grady made public profession of his faith in Christ and took his place at the holy communion in the Methodist Church he was honest and truly Christian.

Yes, Mr. Grady not only demonstrated that an editor may be a Christian, but that a very great intellect may be gospelized. His mental capacity was so wonderful that it was almost startling. I have been with him at several conversations while at the same time he was dictating to a stenographer editorials for the Atlanta Constitution. But that intellect was not ashamed to bow to Christ. Among his last dying utterances was the request for the prayers of the churches in his behalf.

There was that particular quality in him that you do not find in more than one person out of hundreds of thousands, namely, perfect magnanimity. People have tried to define that quality and always failed, yet we have all felt its power. There are some persons who have only to enter a room or step upon a platform or into a pulpit and you are thrilled by their presence and when they speak your nature responds and you can not help it. What is the peculiar influence with which such a magnetic person takes hold of social groups and audiences? Without attempting to define this, which is indefinable, I will say it seems to correspond to the waves of air set in motion by the voice or the movements of the body. Just like that atmospheric vibration is the moral or spiritual vibration which rolls out from the soul of what we call a magnetic person. As there may be a cord or rope binding bodies to each other, there may be an invisible cord binding souls. A magnetic man, like a magnet, attracts to him all that is good and noble, and he is a hunter of souls. Mr. Grady was surcharged with this influence and it was employed for patriotism and Christianity and elevated purposes.

You may not know why, in the conversation which I had with Mr. Grady a few weeks ago, he uttered these memorable words about Christianity. He was speaking in reply to this remark, I said: "Mr. Gladstone, we are told in America by some people that Christianity does well for weak-minded men and children in the infant class but is not fit for stronger minded men; but when we mention you, of such large intellectuality, as being a pronounced friend of religion, we silence their batteries." Then Mr. Gladstone stopped on the hallway where we were stopping and said: "The older I grow the more I am confirmed in my faith in religion."

"Sir," said he with flashing eyes and uplifted hand, "talk about the questions of the day, there is but one question and that is the Gospel. That can and will correct every thing. Do you have any of that dreadful agnosticism in America?" Having told him we had, he went on to say: "I am profoundly glad that the men of my children or kindred have been called to this. I am glad to say that about all the men at the top in Great Britain are Christians. Why, sir," he said, "I have been in position fifty-eight years, and forty-seven years in the Cabinet of the British Government, and during those forty-seven years I have been associated with sixty of the master minds of the century and all but five of the sixty were Christians."

In answer to the question put last spring: "Can a secular journalist be a Christian?" I not only answer in the affirmative, but I assert that so great are the responsibilities of that profession, so infinite and eternal the consequences of their obedience or disobedience of the words of my text, "Take thee a great roll, and write in it with a man's pen," and so many are the surrounding temptations, that the men of that profession must more deeply need the defenses and the reinforcements of the grace of God.

And then look at the opportunities of journalism. I praise the pulpit and magnify my office, but I state a fact which you all know when I say that where the pulpit touches one person the press touches 500. The vast majority of people do not go to church, but all intelligent people read the newspapers. While the minister has the responsibility of the ministers is great, the responsibility of editors and reporters is greater. Come, brother journalists, and get your ordination, not by the laying on of human hands, but by the laying on of the hands of the Almighty. To you is committed the precious reputation of men and the more precious reputation of women. Spread before our children an elevated literature. Make sin appear disgusting and virtue admirable. Believe good rather than evil. While you show up the hypocrisies of the Church show up the stupendous hypocrisies outside the Church. Be not, as some of you are, the mere echoes of public opinion; make public opinion.

live of political spoils. He declined all official reward. He could have been Governor of Georgia, but he refused it. He could have been Senator of the United States, but he declined it. He remained plain Mr. Grady. Nearly all the other actors of the political arena, as soon as the elections are over, go to Washington, or Albany, or Harrisburg, or Atlanta, to get in city or State or National office reward for their services, and, not getting what they want, spend the rest of the time of that administration in putting about the management of public affairs or cursing Harrison or Cleveland. When the great political campaigns were over Mr. Grady went home to his newspaper. He demonstrated that it is possible to toil for principles because they thought to be right, simply because they were right. Christian patriotism is too rare a commodity in this country. Surely the joy of living under such free institutions as those established here ought to be enough reward for political fidelity. Among all the great writers that stood at the last Republican election on Democratic and Republican platforms, you can not recall in your mind ten who were not themselves looking for remunerative appointments. Aye, you can count them all on the fingers of one hand. The most illustrious specimen of that style of man for the last ten years was Henry W. Grady.

Again Mr. Grady stood for the New South and was just what we want to meet three other men, one to speak for the New North, another for the New East and another for the New West. The bravest speech made for the last quarter of a century was that made by Mr. Grady at the New England dinner in New York about two or three years ago. I saw him that evening and knew something of his anxieties, for he was to tread on dangerous ground and might by some mispoken word have antagonized forever his section. His speech was a victory that thrilled all of us who heard him and all who read him.

Who will in conspicuous action represent the New North as he did the New South? Who shall come forth for the New East and who for the New West? Let old political issues be buried, let old grudges die. Let new theories be launched. With the coming in of a new nation at the gates of Castle Garden every year, and the wheat and corn crib of our land enlarged with every harvest, and a vast multitude of our population still plunged into illiteracy to be educated, and moral questions abroad involving the very existence of our Republic, let the old political platforms that are worn-out be dropped and platforms that shall be made of two planks, the one of the Ten Commandments and the other of the Sermon on the Mount, lifted for all of us to stand on. But there is a lot of old politicians grumbling all around the sky who don't want a New South, a New North, a New East or a New West. They have some old war speeches that they prepared in 1861, that in all our autumnal elections they feel called upon to inflict upon the country.

They grow louder and louder in proportion as they are pushed back further and further and the Henry W. Grady come to the front. But the mandate, I think, has gone forth from the throne of God that a new American nation shall take the place of the old and the new have been baptized for God and liberty and justice and peace and morality and religion.

Men of the great roll, men of the pen, men of wit, men of power, if our friend had to go when the call came, so must you when your call comes. When God asks you what have you done with your pen or your eloquence or your wit, or your social position, will you be able to give satisfactory answer? What have we been writing all these years? If mirth, has it been innocent mirth or that which tears and stings and lacerates? From our pen have there come forth productions healthy or poisonous?

I am glad that by the better sanitation of our cities and wider understanding of hygienic laws and the greater skill of physicians these Apollonian assaults upon the human race have been resisted, but pestilential atmosphere is still abroad. Hardly a family here but has felt its lighter or heavier touch. Some of the best of my flock fell under its power and many homes here represented have been crushed. The fact is, the biggest failure in the universe is this world if there be no Heaven beyond. But there is, and the friends who have gone there are many and very dear. O, tearful eyes, look upon the hills, reasoning with eternal morn! That reunion kiss will more than make up for the parting kiss, and the welcome will obliterate the good-bye. "The Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall lead them to living fountains of water and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." Till then, O departed loved ones, promise us that you will remember us as we promise to remember you. And some who have gone up from this city by the sea, and others from under Southern skies and others from homes of the more rigorous North and some from the cabins on great Western farms, we shall meet again when our pen has written its last word and our arm has done its last day's work and our lips have spoken the last adieu.

And now, too great and magnificent a soul of editor and orator! Under brighter skies we shall meet again. From God thou camest, and to God thou hast returned. Not broken down, but ascended. Not collapsed, but irradiated. Enthroned one! Coroneted one! Seated one! Emparadised one! Hail and farewell!

The Newspaper Industry.
Some interesting statistics are given in the Literary World covering the number of periodicals circulated in Europe. Germany has the largest number, 5,000, of which 800 are dailies. England has 3,000, including 800 dailies. In Continental Europe more than 20,000 periodicals are published. In Asia there are about 3,000 of which 1,500 are in Japan alone, and most of the others in British India. Africa has only 200 newspapers, of which 30 appear in Egypt, and the others in the European colonies. In the United States there are 12,500 newspapers, including 1,000 dailies. Canada and Australia have 700 journals apiece, and there are 60 in the Argentine Republic.

—The Mid-Continent tells of a Tennessee judge of a criminal court who has created discussion in religious circles by officially declaring a church raffle illegal and charging a Nashville grand jury to indict all persons buying or selling tickets.

\$2,500 Reward for a Lost Cat.
The equivalent in English money of \$2,500 was once offered by an old lady in London for the return of a favorite cat which had strayed or been stolen. People called her a crank, and perhaps she was. It is unfortunate that of the great sex should ever gain this title, yet many do. It is, however, frequently not their fault. Often functional derangements will apparently change a woman's entire nature. Don't blame such sufferers if they are "cranky," but let them to use Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, which is an infallible remedy for "female weaknesses." It will soon restore them to their normal condition. It is warranted to give satisfaction in every case, or money paid for it will be returned.

Dr. Pierce's Pills. The original and only genuine Little Liver Pills; 85 cents a vial, one a dose.
Probably Made Up For Lost Time. (Sharply) "Seems to me, Maud, that young Mr. Hankinson staid pretty late last night. Did he have any pressing business?"
(Blushingly) "Not till just before he went away, mamma." —Chicago Tribune.

Its Excellent Qualities.
Commend to public approval the California liquid fruit remedy Syrup of Figs. It is pleasant to the eye, and to the taste and gently acting on the kidneys, liver and bowels, it cleanses the system effectually, thereby promoting the health and comfort of all who use it.

Test world seldom looks to see the kind of tracks you left behind, provided you only get there. —Milwaukee Journal.

Magnificent Catalogue.
The great art catalogue of the Bryant & Stratton Chicago Business College, which contains 112 large pages and which is everywhere creating the most intense interest, is mailed to any address upon receipt of stamps to pay postage, 10c. Address H. B. Bryant & Sons, 15 Washington Street, Chicago, Ill.

When a composer undertakes to score an opera he finds harmony necessary. But the critics don't. —Baltimore American.

JOHN FITZGERALD, of Lehigh, Missouri, writes May 2d, 1889:
"I have been using Shallenberger's Anti-dote for Malaria and think it the best medicine I ever saw. It cured my wife and little girl when nothing else would, and they are both stout and healthy after taking one bottle."

It is said that a man from the Pine Tree State can be told by the pitch of his voice. —Binghamton Republican.

A soap that is soft is full of water, half probably, thus you pay seven or eight cents per pound for water. Hobbs' Electric Soap is clean, pure, and contains no water, therefore the cheapest and best. Try Hobbs'.

The characteristics of the face are dealt with by Puziognomy. —Merchant Traveler.

All cases of weak or lame back, backache, rheumatism, will find relief by wearing one of our Smart Weeds and Belladonna Backache Plasters. Price 50 cents. Try them.

The groundhog and the spring poet both claim to be the first to see the signs of spring. —St. Joseph News.

For Coughs and throat troubles use "Brown's Bronchial Trochoc." "They stop an attack of my asthma cough very promptly." —C. F. Fitch, Miami, Ohio.

When a man's wife begins to compare him with other men he will do well to stay at home nights. —N. Y. World.

Doctors, you should always have a good supply of Dr. Bull's Worm Destroyers on hand. Mothers want these candies for their children and won't take any other.

A doctor practices on his own patients. But a musician practices on the patience of others. —Yonkers Statesman.

If you want to be cured of a rough eye use Hale's Toothache Drops Cure in one minute.

Two or a kind that never make a pair. The ideal wife and the ideal husband. —N. Y. Journal.

Do not purge nor weaken the bowels, but act specially on the liver and bile. A perfect liver corrector. Carter's Little Liver Pills.

The convicted criminal is never allowed to hurry himself. He must take his time. —Binghamton Leader.

A nox safety matches free to smokers of "Tassili's Pouch Cigars."

Will a skeleton key open a dead-lock? —Kearney Enterprise.

Bronchitis is cured by frequent small doses of Tiso's Cure for Consumption.

THE GENERAL MARKETS.

KANSAS CITY, March 8.	
CATTLE—Shipping steers.....	3 35 to 4 05
Butcher steers.....	3 00 to 3 45
Native cows.....	1 80 to 2 5
HOGS—Good to choice heavy.....	6 50 to 7 00
WHEAT—No. 2 red.....	68 to 68 1/2
No. 2 hard.....	68 to 68 1/2
CORN—No. 2.....	21 to 21 1/4
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